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Project No. 13636

Mr. J. Ryan Benefield, P.E.
Chief, Hazardous Waste Division
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
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**Subject: Seventeenth Monthly Status Report (December 1st to 31st, 2008)
Cedar Chemical Company Facility (“the Site”)
Helena-West Helena, Arkansas
State EPA ID No. ARD990660649**

Dear Mr. Benefield:

On behalf of ExxonMobil Chemical Company, a Division of Exxon Mobil Corporation and Helena Chemical Company, which comprise the Cedar Chemical Corporation Joint Defense Group (“the Group”), AMEC Geomatrix submits this letter constituting the Seventeenth Monthly Status Report (December 1st to 31st, 2008) summarizing our work efforts. This status report is being submitted under the scope of work and schedule presented to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) on August 8, 2007. Summarized below are the activities completed in December, 2008 and the activities planned for the site in January, 2009.

Specific Work Completed in December 2008

General Site Activities

- There were no site activities in December.

Site Investigation Report

- Geomatrix will submit the Site Investigation Report on or before January 31, 2009.

Feasibility Study

- Within 60 days following ADEQ approval of the Site Investigation Report, Geomatrix will prepare and submit a Feasibility Study to identify a recommended site remedy.

Work Planned for January, 2009:

General Site Activities

- AMEC Geomatrix will coordinate with ADEQ and Waste Management at the site to oversee the loading and transportation of the remaining nonhazardous soil from the

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facility investigation currently onsite and will oversee the disposition of the remaining nonhazardous water in the frac tank into the POTW.

Site Investigation

- No work is planned for January, 2009.

Site Investigation Report

- AMEC Geomatrix will submit the final FI Report to ADEQ on or before January 31st, 2009.

Feasibility Study

- No feasibility study activities are planned in January. These activities will follow approval of the Site Investigation Report by ADEQ.

Project Issues Pending:

- None

Regulatory and Legal Issues Pending:

- None

Meetings and Conference Calls with ADEQ:

- Telephone calls and electronic communication will occur as needed.

If you have any comments regarding this report, please call me at (512) 494-0333.

Sincerely,
AMEC Geomatrix, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Beck".

Kelly Beck, P.G.
Project Manager

cc: ExxonMobil
Helena Chemical Company
Tyco Company Managers